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SUBJECT: POLISH POSITION ON ANGOLA

1. TRYBUNA LUDU, IN A FRONT-PAGE REPORT OF ANGOLAN INDEPENDENCE ON NOVEMBER 12, HEADLINED GOP RECOGNITION OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA. THE TEXT OF A CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE FROM COUNCIL OF STATE CHAIMAN JABLONSKI TO "COMRADE DOCTOR" NETO, PRA PRESIDENT, WAS CARRIED ALONGSIDE. THE MESSAGE EXPRESSED THE GOP'S INTENTION TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH NETO'S GOVERNMENT. A PAP REPORT OF TASS COMMENTARY WAS CARRIED THE SAME DAY IN ZYCIE WARSZAWY AND TRYBUNA LUDU, ALTHOUGH THE LATTER EDITED OUT TASS'S ALLEGATIONS OF AMERICAN ARMS SUPPORT OF THE TWO OTHER RIVAL ANGOLAN INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENTS. A POLISH COMMENTARY APPEARING ON THE NEXT DAY ALSO AVOIDED DIRECT CRITICISM OF THE U.S.

2. OUR INITIAL DISCUSSIONS WITH THE AMERICAN DESK OF
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THE MFA ON THE ANGOLAN QUESTION YIELDED ONLY DISCLAIMERS

OF ANY DETAILED KNOWLEDGE OF POLISH POLICY ON THE MATTER.
THEY HAVE NOW INFORMED US, HOWEVER, THAT POLAND HAS
RECOGNIZED DR. NETO'S GOVERNMENT BECAUSE "IN OUR JUDGEMENT,
THE MPLA IS THE ONLY ORGANIZATION HAVING A NATIONWIDE
CHARACTER AND WHICH IS STRIVING FOR THE TERRITORIAL
INTEGRITY OF ANGOLA. A VICTORY OF THE PATRIOTIC FORCE
WILL ALLOW THE ANGOLAN PEOPLE TO BUILD THEIR FUTURE IN
PEACE AND UNITY."
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